

Appl. No. 10/690,512
Amdt. Dated: March 28, 2008
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1) Summary of Prosecution

Claims 1, 2, 4 to 10 and 12 to 17 are pending in the application. Claims 6, 9, 14 and 15 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 3 and 11 have been cancelled.

2) Indefiniteness (35 USC 112)

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-8 and 16 are rejected as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, line 10 the term "the surface" is said to lack an antecedent basis. As indicated above in the Listing of Claims, claim 1 has been amended to clarify the language of the claim. The remaining claims are dependent upon claim 1 and therefore are now clarified as well.

3) Anticipation (35 USC 102(b))

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-8, 10, 12-13 and 16-17 are rejected as anticipated by Peterson, Jr. (United States Patent No. 3,760,673). Of these claims, claims 1 and 10 are independent.

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to clarify that the surface is a "material support surface". It is respectfully submitted that the prior art clearly does disclose or suggest a "material support surface" that is "not co-planar" with the counter-knife edge.

The surface 35 identified in the Office action has nothing to do with the material being processed. Surface 35 is for mounting the counterknife 30: "sub-base 32 has a slanting upper face 35 to which knife 30 is bolted" (column 3, lines 3 to 4). Surface 35 clearly is not a "material support surface".

Furthermore, claim 1 includes that the surface is "for supporting the carpet". The prior art reference has nothing to do with carpets or beveling. It is a plastic shredder. No surface is disclosed or suggested for supporting a carpet. Accordingly, claims 1 and 10 are not anticipated or rendered obvious.

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4) **Attorney Docket Number**

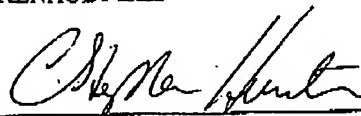
Undersigned attorney advises that the attorney docket number has been changed to 18856-25US and requests that the USPTO update its records for this application accordingly.

5) **Closing Remarks**

In view of the above comments, the Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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